



Water Safety Policy

Aim

Children need opportunities to develop their understanding of the natural environment. Experiences with water encourage active exploration and discovery of the environment. Knowledge of potential hazards associated with water will assist educators to provide a safe, stimulating environment for kindergarten children.

Implementation

- Children must be adequately supervised at all times when having access to any water hazards.
- Where a vessel containing water is used for water play by children the vessel is to be emptied immediately after use and stored in a manner that prevents the vessel filling with water when not in use.
- If children are taken on an excursion where there is a significant water hazard, educators are to conduct a risk assessment in accordance with the requirements of *Regulations 100 and 101 of the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*.
- Children are to have safe independent access to clean and cool drinking water at all times.
- Water containers are safely covered or inaccessible to children in the education and care setting.
- Ensure all water features that are not able to be adequately supervised at all times and/or pose an unacceptable risk to children are guarded or effective barriers are in place.
- Remove any items or objects that could be used to climb into, the trough, or water storage unit e.g. chairs, bins and any overhanging trees.
- At all times children near water are closely supervised. A child will never be left unattended near any water.
- Ensure that that all leaves and debris are removed and surface dirt is hosed away.
- Display a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) guide near any water activity.

Review

This policy will be reviewed on a 3 yearly basis by the kindergarten staff and the Governing Council.